

39 Stat. 742.
5 U. S. C. §§ 751-791,
793; Supp. III, § 793.
Ante, p. 712; *post*,
p. 887.

Settlement in full.

Right of action
against third parties.

Reports to Con-
gress.

United States Employees Compensation Act, as amended, if the disabled or deceased person were an employee of the United States; or (b) for property loss or damage: *Provided*, That settlement shall not be made in excess of \$3,000 for injury to any one building or structure.

SEC. 3. Any settlement made under the provisions of section 2 hereof shall be in full settlement of all such claims against the Government of the United States.

SEC. 4. In connection with any settlement authorized by section 2 hereof, the Secretary may require assignment to the United States of any right of action against third parties arising from the death, injury, or property damage with respect to which such settlement is made.

SEC. 5. The Secretary of the Navy shall transmit to the Congress each claim submitted the Navy Department in accordance with section 1 hereof not settled by him, with supporting papers and a report of his finding of facts and recommendations thereon and also a report of each claim settled and paid by him pursuant to section 2 hereof. Such reports shall contain a brief statement of the character and justice of each claim so transmitted or settled, the amount claimed, and the amount found due.

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[CHAPTER 411]

AN ACT

September 17, 1944
[H. R. 4780]
[Public Law 424]

To fix the fees for domestic insured and collect-on-delivery mail, special-delivery service, and for other purposes.

Postal Service, fees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 211 of title II of the Act entitled "An Act reclassifying the salaries of postmasters and employees of the Postal Service, readjusting their salaries and compensation on an equitable basis, increasing postal rates to provide for such readjustment, and for other purposes", approved February 28, 1925 (43 Stat. 1069), as amended, are further amended to read as follows:

39 U. S. C. §§ 245,
246.

Insurance fees.

"SEC. 211. (a) The fee for insurance shall be 3 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$5, 10 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$25, 15 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$50, and 25 cents for indemnification not to exceed \$200. Whenever the sender of an insured article of mail matter shall so request, and upon payment of a fee of 4 cents at the time of mailing, or of 7 cents subsequent to the time of mailing, a receipt shall be obtained for such insured mail matter, showing to whom and when the same was delivered, which receipt shall be returned to the sender and be received in the courts as prima facie evidence of such delivery: *Provided*, That upon payment of the additional sum of 27 cents at the time of mailing by the sender of an insured article of mail matter, a receipt shall be obtained for such insured mail matter, showing to whom, when, and the address where the same was delivered, which receipt shall be returned to the sender, and be received in the courts as prima facie evidence of such delivery: *Provided further*, That no refund shall be made of fees paid for return receipts for registered or insured mail where the failure to furnish the sender a return receipt or the equivalent is not due to the fault of the Postal Service.

Receipt for delivery.

Refunds.

"(b) The fee for collect-on-delivery service for domestic third- and fourth-class mail shall be 15 cents for collections and indemnity not to exceed \$2.50; 20 cents for collections and indemnity not to exceed \$5; 30 cents for collections and indemnity not to exceed \$25; 40 cents for collections and indemnity not to exceed \$50; 50 cents for collec-

Collect-on-delivery
service.
Domestic third- and
fourth-class mail.

tions and indemnity not to exceed \$100; 55 cents for collections and indemnity not to exceed \$150; and 60 cents for collections and indemnity not exceeding \$200. The fee for notifying the sender or his representative of inability to deliver a collect-on-delivery article shall be 5 cents."

SEC. 2. The fees for collect-on-delivery service for sealed domestic mail matter of any class bearing postage at the first-class rate shall be equal in each case to the fee charged for collect-on-delivery service for domestic third- and fourth-class mail.

Sealed domestic mail.

SEC. 3. The fees for collect-on-delivery service for registered sealed domestic mail of any class bearing postage at the first-class rate and the limits of indemnity for the loss, rifling, or damage thereof in the mails, shall, in addition to postage and any other required additional fees, be as follows:

Collect-on-delivery service, registered sealed domestic mail.

Amount collectible and limit of indemnity payable	Fee, including registration
From \$0.01 to \$10	40 cents
From \$10.01 to \$50	55 cents
From \$50.01 to \$100	75 cents
From \$100.01 to \$200	\$1. 00

When indemnity in excess of \$200 is desired, the fees for domestic registered collect-on-delivery mail, shall, in addition to postage and any other required additional fees, be as follows:

Amount of indemnity	Fee, including registration
From \$200.01 to \$300	\$1. 05
From \$300.01 to \$400	1. 10
From \$400.01 to \$500	1. 15
From \$500.01 to \$600	1. 20
From \$600.01 to \$700	1. 25
From \$700.01 to \$800	1. 30
From \$800.01 to \$1,000	1. 40

SEC. 4. Section 2 of the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the special delivery and the special handling of mail matter" approved March 2, 1931, ch. 372 (46 Stat. 1469), is amended to read as follows:

39 U. S. C. § 276b.
Special-delivery stamps.

"SEC. 2. To procure the most expeditious handling and transportation practicable and the immediate delivery of mail matter at the office of address, special-delivery stamps shall be affixed thereto, in addition to the regular postage, in accordance with the following schedule: Matter weighing not more than 2 pounds, if of the first class, 13 cents; if of any other class, 17 cents; matter weighing more than 2 but not more than 10 pounds, if of the first class, 20 cents, if of any other class, 25 cents; matter weighing more than 10 pounds, if of the first class, 25 cents, if of any other class, 35 cents: *Provided*, That under such regulations as the Postmaster General may prescribe, ordinary postage stamps of equivalent value may be accepted in lieu of the special-delivery stamps herein specified."

Schedule of rates.

Ordinary postage stamps in lieu.

SEC. 5. Sections 404, 406, and 408 of the Revenue Act of 1943 are hereby repealed and section 407 of said Act is amended to read as follows:

Ante, p. 70.

"SEC. 407. RECEIPTS ON REGISTERED MAIL.

"The fees for obtaining receipts for registered mail shall be increased by 33⅓ per centum, computed, if the amount of such increase is not a multiple of 1 cent, to a multiple of 1 cent next above such amount."

Effective date.

SEC. 6. This Act shall take effect on the first day of the second month following the month of its enactment.

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